



Football Excellence Academy

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Program Overview

Ripley Valley State Secondary College's vision is to create a world class educational precinct that caters for the diverse needs and interests of all our students. As part of our College's commitment to this vision the Football academy has been established to foster and develop the skills, abilities and participation of students in this specific sport domain. Students who apply for the football academy are students' who currently play football and demonstrate a willingness and ability to further develop and enhance their skills.

The football academy commences in Year 7 and has a pathway for students from Year 7 to 12.


Vision Statement

Ripley Valley State Secondary College's Football Academy provides young footballers with the opportunity to develop, apply and improve their skills and knowledge of Football and learn how to apply their unique attributes underpinned by the school values of respect, responsibility, and perseverance, in order to competently execute the key principles of RVSSC football through:

Commitment

Consistency

Communication

A gray silhouette of a soccer player in mid-air, heading a ball. The player is positioned on the right side of the frame, with their head and arms reaching towards a large gray circle representing the ball. The player's body is angled towards the left, with their legs bent in a jumping or heading motion. The background is white, and the text is overlaid on the player's silhouette.

Ripley Valley State Secondary College encourages players to **commit** to the program both as a presence and to the key principles put forward. Through **Consistency**; players will develop skills, game sense and a better understanding of the world around them in a positive learning environment. **Communication** is the cornerstone of development and a key indicator when developing relationships with academy staff and peers.

Program Pathways

YEAR 7-9

Year 7 HPE
(Football/Futsal)

Year 8 HPE
(Football/Futsal)

Year 9 HPE
(Football/Futsal)

YEAR 10

Year 10 Sport and
Recreation



Year 10 Health

YEAR 11

YEAR 12

Football Academy Students will have the same available pathways to them as all other year 11/12 students and can be supported through Sport & Rec / Fitness certificates through senior years dependant on individual pathway selection processes in year 9 and 10.

Program Details

Ripley Valley State Secondary College's Football Excellence Academy runs three (3) lessons per week.

Additional Training sessions (before and after school) may be required when preparing for upcoming competitions both internally and externally. Over the school year students will participate in:

- Football and Futsal Skill Development
- Fitness training for both Football and Futsal
- Strength and Conditioning
- Stretching, Flexibility and Recover Sessions
- Theoretical Health and Physical Education Units
- Participating in Interschool, District, Regional, State and National competitions in both Football and Futsal



Selection Process

The RVSSC Football Excellence Academy entry is competitive. Students are required to participate in a trial process where candidates will take part in both Football and Futsal trial and training sessions.

Academy Coaches on the day of trial will complete a player trial assessment that will be provided to all candidates at the conclusion of their trial(s). The trial assessment provides a description of how well the candidate demonstrate the following:

- technical/ tactical abilities (core skills, BP/ BPO)
- physical abilities (football conditioning)
- psychological abilities (personal characteristics)

The trial assessment will also be provided upon accepted, re-trial or unsuccessful candidates.

CLASS SIZES

Class sizes in the program are limited to a maximum of 28 participants per year level.

STUDENT NAME:		ASSESSMENT DATE:					Grade / Entry Year:	POSITION:
PLAYER ASSESSMENT SCORE		1	2	3	4	5	COMMENTS	
TECHNICAL/TACTICAL	Ball possession own Team (BP) / Core skills							
	Receiving / first touch							
	Striking the ball / passing							
	1 v 1 (ability to take on defenders)							
	Running with the ball							
	Finishing skills							
	Creating opportunities							
	Handling speed / speed of play (minimises touches)							
	Positioning							
	Ability to use both feet							
	Transitioning BPO to BP (when ball is won)							
	Ball possession opponent (BPO)							
	Transitioning BP to BPO (when ball is lost)							
Marking and tackling								
Pressuring / 1v1 defending (1 st defender)								
Defensive positioning (blocking passing lanes – 2 nd defender)								
Tactical insight re. reading the game / anticipating								
PHYSICAL	Football Condition							
	Speed							
	Coordination							
	Power							
PSYCHOLOGICAL	Personal Characteristics							
	Calm under pressure							
	Motivated / enthusiastic							
	Game cleverness							
	Ability to learn (is the player coachable?)							
	Ability to maintain focus							
General attitude, discipline and conduct								
Handling disappointment								

Player assessment score guide: 1 – under performing, 2 – developing, 3 – on track, 4 – performing, 5 – excelling

Example Trial Assessment

External Partnerships

Through community partnerships, students in the Football Excellence Academy will be working closely with industry professionals within the Ipswich region to help deliver the best outcome for our academy students. Our industry partnerships currently include:

- Springfield United FC
- Ipswich Futsal
- Veto Sport



Coach Information

James Dunn

Football Coordinator

Head Football/Futsal Coach

Academic and Coaching Qualifications

- AFC/AFA C License
- Level 1 Futsal Coaching Accreditation
- Certificate III in Fitness
- Certificate IV in Fitness
- Bachelor of Secondary Education

Coaching/Management Experience

- 2021-Current Metropolitan West – 17 – 19 Years Boys Football – Coach
- 2018-Current Metropolitan West – 13 – 14 Years Boys Futsal – Coach
- 2018-2020 Metropolitan West – 17 – 19 Years Boys Football – Manager
- 2018-2020 Central Comets District – 16 – 19 Boys Football – Manager
- 2018 Central Comets District – 13 – 15 Boys Football – Coach

Playing Experience

- Springfield United FQPL Senior Men (Current)
- Southside Eagles FQPL Senior Men (2020-2021)
- Toowong FC BPL Senior Men (2017-2020)
- Souths United FC BPL Senior Men (2015-2016)
- Bayside United FC Capital 1 Senior Men (2015)
- Eastern Suburbs FC BPL Senior Men (2013-2014)
- Souths United FC BPL Senior Men (2011-2012)
- Souths United FC Premier Youth (2008-2010)

Ben Sharma

Football Coordinator

Head Football/Futsal Coach

Academic and Coaching Qualifications

- Level 1 Futsal Coaching Accreditation
- AFC Youth C License
- Various District and Regional Teams in South District and Metropolitan East

Coach Information

Dane Dawson

Football/Futsal Coach

Academic and Coaching Qualifications

- AFC/AFA B License
- AFC/AFA Youth C License
- Futsal Coaching License
- Futsal Coaching Certificate
- Certificate II in Sport and Recreation
- Bachelor of Secondary Education
- Bachelor of Recreation and Outdoor Environmental Studies

Coaching/Management Experience

- 2024 Brisbane City - U15 Boys - Coach
- 2023 Sunshine Coast Wanderers - U14 Boys - Coach
- 2023 Maroochydore Swans - U18 Boys - Coach
- 2023 Queensland - U15 Boys - Coach
- 2017-2022 Sunshine Coast Fire - U13/U14/U15/U16/U18 Boys - Coach
- 2018-2023 Sunshine Coast Wave - U13/U14/U15/U16/U17 Boys- Coach
- 2017-2020 Sunshine Coast Wave - U13/U15/U17 Girls - Coach
- 2020 Brisbane Roar Futsal - Coach
- 2019 Coastal Football Academy - Head Coach/Owner
- 2016-2017 Sunshine Coast Fire Academy - Coach
- 2014-2017 Sunshine Coast Wave Academy - Coach

Playing Experience

- Maroochydore FQPL Senior men (2021-2023)
- Sunshine Coast Wave Futsal Junior and Senior (2014-2020)
- Football Queensland Futsal Junior Nationals (2014-2019)
- Nambour Yandina United FQPL Senior Men's (2020)
- Sunshine Coast Fire Junior and Senior NPL (2014-2019)
- Maroochydore FQPL Juniors (2011-2013)

Fees

The current program fee for Year 7-9 students is **\$300**. The fee is separate to the College's Student Resource Scheme fee. This cost contributes to the cost of training kit, student participation in various Interschool, District, Regional, State and National competitions in both Football and Futsal.

Throughout the year, students will be required to participate in competitions and tournaments that may attract additional costs. These competitions and tournaments may include:

Football:

- Yagera District Football Gala Days
- Bill Turner Cup
- UhlSport Cup
- QFSL
- ISSA Cup

Futsal:

- Yagera District Futsal Gala Days
- South East Queensland Futsal Championships
- UhlSport Futsal League Gala Days
- Summit Sports Knockout
- FQ Futsal Championships
- Veto Sports Knockout Cup
- QSF Cup

The cost of each tournament will vary dependent upon the following:

- Nomination / Entry Fee
- Transportation Fee
- Cost
- Administration Fees (first aid, referees, etc)

Scholarships

Ripley Valley State Secondary College is proud to offer scholarships to students with outstanding ability that will cover the cost of the football program.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS are available for students that demonstrate high academic performance. [APPLY HERE](#)

Application Process

- 1** Complete Application form [HERE](#). Ensure you have included all required documentation.
- 2** Attend all required trial dates specified on school website.
- 3** By the end of the term you trialled, you will be advised of the outcome of your application
- 4** If your child has been accepted, complete required school enrolment forms as soon as possible.

